S.No.	Field	Name ot consortium
18.	Ognaj	Seian Exploration, India India.
19.	Amguri	-The Assam Com. India Joshi Technologies, USA.
	(B) *Medium Sized*	
1.	Kharsang	i) Geopetrol International Inc., France ii) Enpro India Ltd., India iii) Geo Enpro Petroleum Limited, India
2.	Ratna & R-Series	-Essar Oil Ltd. India -Premier Oil Pacific U.K.

Contracts for 8 small sized and one medium sized field have been signed. Contracts for remaining fields are to be signed after finalisation of contract terms and conditions.

ODA funded poverty alleviation programme in Andhra Pradesh

1382. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Overseas Development Agency funded poverty alleviation programme to be taken up in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the differences between the State Government and the ODA over the methodology of implementation of the programme; and

(c) the towns and the population under the programme by when it would start and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The project proposal for Urban Poverty Alleviation for 31 Class-I Towns in Andhra Pradesh with an outlay of approximately Rs. 200.00 crores is under consideration of Overseas Development Agency.

(b) The project in question is under consideration of Overseas Development Agency. It cannot be construed that there are differences between the State Government and the ODA over the methodology of implementation.

(c) 31 Towns are proposed in the programme. The list of Municipalities proposed under the programme together with population figures are enclosed. The project is at consideration stage and is proposed for commencement in October, 1997

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List of Muncipalities together with population figures

S.No.	Name of the Municipality	Population as per 1991 Census
1	2	3
1.	Vizianagaram	1,60,359
2.	Gajuwaka	1,79,785
3.	Eluru	2,12.866
4.	Bheemavaram	1,21,314
5.	Kakinada	2,79,980
6.	Rajahmundry	3,24,851
7.	Machilipatnam	1,59.110
8.	Gudivada (Gudivada)	1,01,656
9	Guntur	4,71,051
10	Tenali	1,43,726

1	2	3
11.	Nellore	3,16,606
12.	Ongole	1,00,836
13.	Ananthapur	1,14,924
14.	Guntakal	1,07,592
15.	Cuddapah	1,21,463
16.	Proddatur	1,33,914
17.	Chittoor	1,33,462
18.	Tirupathi	1,74,369
19.	Kurnool	2,33,717
20.	Nandyal	1,19,813
21.	Adoni	1,36,182
22.	Nizamabad	2,41,034
23.	Khammam	1,27,992
24.	Karimnagar	1.48,583
25.	Ramagundam	2,14,384
26.	Warangal	4,47,657
27.	Mahaboobnagar	1,16,833
28.	Malkajgiri	1,27,178
29.	Kukatpally	1,86,963
30.	L.B. Nagar	1,55,514
31.	Qutubullapur	1,06,591
	TOTAL:	57,20,305

Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to States

1383. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to tansfer the Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the States and Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the names of such Schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether some objectives are to be achieved with this move; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan (1997-2002), approved by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 16.01.1997 inter-alia States that "the Centrally Sponsored Schemes should be confined to schemes of an inter-State character; matters impinging on national security; selected national priorities where Central supervision is essential for effective implementation; and multi-State externally financed projects where Central coordination is necessary for operational reasons. Except for such schemes, all other schemes should be transferred to States alongwith corresponding funds. The exact details of the schemes which can be so transferred would have to be worked out in consultation with the Central Ministries as well as State Governments so as not to cause any disruption in the field."

The exercise for implementing the proposal is presently underway in Planning Commission and the same will be incorporated in the Ninth Plan.

Special Plan for Infrastructure Development

1384. SHRI B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a Special Plan for infrastructure development in the 100 most backward and poorest districts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of these districts, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have finalised the plan;

(d) if so, the main features thereof; and

(e) how Government propose to implement this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) A Committee to evolve ceriteria for identification of 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country, to identify such districts in various States, and to